Monthly Project Activities Summary Report Sherwin-Williams Emeryville Facility, Emeryville, CA Per DTSC Order IS/E 05/06-007 August 2011

1. Community Safety Plan

Current version is always available at the DTSC Envirostor, <u>click here</u>. Current version was last updated on April 26, 2011.

2. <u>Soil Excavation, Off-Site Transport and Water Treatment</u>

The following non-excavation activities were performed at the Site during August.

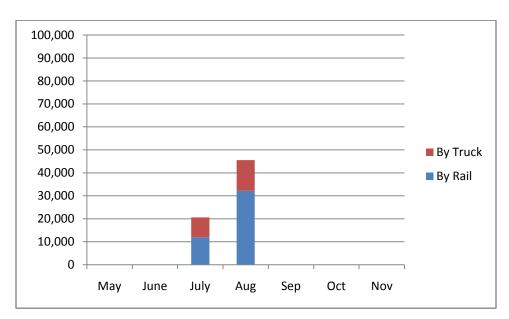
- Dust and vapor control measures continued to operate during working hours. Control measures include: windscreens, water spray/mist systems, and dust suppressants, including Hydroseal.
- Expanded exclusion zone to accommodate movement of vehicles into the support area west of Building 31. Entrance and exit to and from the exclusion zone is controlled to assure proper personal protective equipment and decontamination of vehicles and equipment is followed.
- Waste material generated during excavation support activities, including SVE operation and well abandonment were characterized and property disposed or recycled.
- Tie-backs for shoring wall were installed.
- An estimated total of 3,150 CY of clean backfill materials were brought into the Site and stockpiled in the clean backfill stockpile area west of Building 1.

The following excavation activities were performed at the Site during August:

- During the month of August excavation proceeded in the vadose, (upper non-saturated layers), and the deeper saturated layers. This occurred in Excavation Layers 3 through 7, as shown in the attached Figures 1 through 6.
- Cultural resource monitoring was conducted during excavation by qualified archeologists through the first 4 weeks of August.
- Concrete demolition at the former loading dock was performed.
- Zorbix, a dry dewatering agent, was mixed into stockpiles containing saturated soil coming from saturated zone excavation. Zorbix is being used to control the presence of free liquids in the soil during stockpiling and transport.
- Excavation of the design Categories 5 through 8 materials (higher concentrations of As, Pb and VOCs was completed on August 22, 2011. Remaining excavation is expected to generate materials presumed to be categories 1 through 4 only (non-hazardous and low to moderate hazardous concentrations of As, Pb and VOCs).
- A 72-car unit train containing categories 3 and 4 (hazardous levels of As and Pb)
 materials was transported to U.S. Ecology in Grandview, ID, on August 4, 2011.

- A 75-car unit train containing category 2 (California hazardous levels of As and Pb) material was transported to ECDC in East Carbon, UT on August 19, 2011.
- A 60-car unit training containing categories 3 and 4 (hazardous levels of As and Pb)
 materials was transported to U.S. Ecology in Grandview, ID, on August 25, 2011.
- Throughout August, 2011, stockpiling of excavated material is segregated by material types, prior to sampling and loading for offsite transport. Rail cars transported hazardous materials to treatment and disposal facilities via adjacent rail lines. Trucks transported non-hazardous materials to disposal facilities via surface streets and adjacent highways. The chart below shows tonnage transported offsite.

Soil transported off-site (in accumulated tons by month):



Total truck loads out: __190__ in past month; __591__ total Total rail car loads out: 216 in past month; 330 total.

The following groundwater extraction and treatment activities were performed at the Site during August:

Groundwater from the excavation was pump from several low areas on the south end
of the excavation. Seepage into the excavation was diverted away from the north
(Rifkin area) towards the south end sumps by using a number of trenches. The water
was pumped to the onsite water treatment plant, was pre-treated and discharged in
accordance with EBMUD permit requirements continuously throughout the month.

3. Perimeter Air Monitoring Results

- Seven air monitoring stations surround the site and measure respirable particulate
 matter less than 10 micrometers (RPM10) in size and total volatile organic compounds
 (TVOC) concentrations continuously. A weather station is operating and monitoring
 wind speed and direction, temperature and relative humidity. Perimeter real-time air
 monitoring for dust and total volatile organics were performed continuously, seven
 days a week, 24 hours a day, throughout the month of August, 2011.
- Daily perimeter air sampling for As, Pb and TVOCs concluded on August 2, 2011. Daily perimeter air sampling was conducted between June 16, 2011 and August 2, 2011. Following this period of daily sampling equating to seven weeks, DTSC has approved reducing daily sampling to days where suspected levels of As, Pb and TVOCs are high. Subsequent air sampling was performed during excavation on August 22, during excavation of areas identified to contain high VOC, As and Pb concentrations (Category 5, 6 and 7 materials).
- As shown in attached figures and tables, results from volatile organics air samples collected on August 1, August 2, and August 22, 2011 have not exceeded their respective performance standards.
- As shown in attached tables, results from As and Pb in RPM10 air samples collected on August 22, 2011 have not exceeded their performance standards.
- The consistent air monitoring results and supporting laboratory analyses not exceeding the performance standards demonstrate that dust and vapor control measures implemented with the start of excavation have been sufficient to maintain protection of the surrounding community from site contaminants.
- These consistent laboratory results not exceeding the performance standards support
 the dust and total volatile organics monitoring approach of using real time action levels
 for maintaining protection of the surrounding community from site contaminants as
 shown in Figures 7 and 8 respectively.
- DTSC approved the termination of daily perimeter air sampling due to the effectiveness
 of dust and vapor control measures as verified by real time monitoring and its
 correlation with perimeter air sampling. For the remaining project duration, perimeter
 air sampling will be performed if levels of TVOC/metals concentrations are expected to
 be of in the excavation area. However, as stated previously, remaining materials to be
 excavated are presumed to be categories 1 through 4 materials and perimeter air
 sampling is not anticipated to be required.
- Wind rose data is generated daily from the site weather data station. A cumulative wind rose for the month of August is shown in Figure 9.
- Daily and weekly reports presenting the real time perimeter air monitoring results have been posted to the DTSC website and the community board at the site through August

26, 2011. DTSC has subsequently agreed that weekly and monthly reports are sufficient. Daily air monitoring reports will not continue to be posted on the DTSC website. Weekly reports posted to the DTSC website will include AQ reporting. Daily AQ reports will continue to be posted on the Community Bulletin Board at the corner of Sherwin and Horton Streets.

4. Other Project News

An arborist from Ponderosa Tree Service was consulted regarding the health of the trees
on Horton Avenue. The trees show good health at the stems and stocks, but some have
been dropping leaves more than others. The trees were further evaluation by a botanist
and identified to have a fungus. The tree leaves are expected to fully rebound during
next spring.

During August Sherwin-Williams and representative met with community leaders, DTSC and community groups to discuss and obtain feedback on plans to request the City to allow extended hours during the weekdays and to include Saturday for additional activities. See information below on September 6 City Council meeting.

5. <u>Coming up Next in September</u>

- Continue excavation into the deeper saturated layers.
- Continue stockpiling of contaminated soil for characterization of material for offsite transport and disposal.
- Continue load out of hazardous soil and debris by rail car and non hazardous soil by truck.
- Continue importing and stockpiling of clean backfill material to be used for backfill following excavation and removal of contaminated soil.
- Dust and vapor control, and perimeter air monitoring will continue throughout the month of September.
- Continue to divert and pump groundwater seepage into the onsite water treatment plant for treatment and disposal into the sanitary sewer.
- Begin backfill of clean material on the north side of the excavation at the higher elevations above +0 elev.
- Install the interceptor trench and impermeable membrane barrier.
- Monthly water levels within project monitoring well locations will be collected.
- On September 6, 2011, Sherwin-Williams and Envirocon will request from the City Council of Emeryville a noise ordinance variance for extended hours during the week and for Saturday work between 9 AM and 6 PM. The work on Saturdays will be for

loading rail cars and for several weekends to monitor work related to the installation of slurry walls and trenches uses materials requiring continuous mixing during construction.

• Regarding communications, outreach to area residents and monitoring of and response to hotline calls will continue.

6. **Communication**

- Throughout the month of August members of the project team responded to calls made to the community hotline.
- A notice regarding Envirocon's request for a Noise Waiver for extended work hours was
 distributed on August 16 by US mail to 379 parties on the project mailing list, and by email to 90 persons (in addition to the City's notification of property owners and
 occupants within 300 feet of the site).
- Sherwin-Williams representatives met with members of the Park Avenue District Advisory Committee, the 1500 Park Avenue Board and HOA, and the Emeryville Artists' Co-op to discuss the requested noise ordinance variance for extended work hours (other meetings were offered but declined due to lack of interest). Mara Feeney responded to all questions received from the public (one phone call and three e-mail responses), and was also interviewed by Tracy Schroth for her blog entry about the site in the Emeryville Secret News. Larry Mencin and Mara Feeney also responded to information contained in the blog.

7. <u>Community Telephone Complaint Hotline</u>

• Two hotline calls were received during the month of August. The nature of the calls and the follow up information that was provided are listed below:

Concerned about placement of stockpiled hazardous waste not being conducted per the approved Remedial Design Implementation Plan. The caller observed stockpiles on the south end of the site being covered with Hydroseal and assumed these were hazardous waste piles. The piles were non-hazardous. They were both clean import backfill and non-hazardous material. All piles get covered and recovered if disturbed. Waste material gets covered with Hydroseal (green looking material). The clean backfill material now gets covered with T-200 (clear dust suppressant).

Concerned about dust being observed from the north end of the Horton Street sidewalk canopy cover. Caller complained dust was being observed to be uncontrolled. The excavation was in wet conditions and it is possible what was being observed as dust was the mixing of Zorbix into the material as a

dewatering agent. The material is fine material with the potential to create airborne "dust" particles. The mixing of Zorbix is performed with the dust control equipment to contain the material directly at the working area of the equipment.

In response to the Notice regarding extended hours, one phone call and three e-mail responses were received as described below:

One resident of Horton Street called to say he would rather see the project extend into the rainy season than grant the waiver, because it would cost Sherwin-Williams more money that way. He also complained about the haiku wall being some sort of advertising rather than art.

An e-mail from a resident of 1500 Park Avenue contained a list of detailed questions about the extended work hours and how this would impact the neighborhood. Detailed responses and follow-up discussion were provided.

Another resident of 1500 Park Avenue protested weekend work and wanted to know how to object to it. Additional detailed information about the request was provided and she was informed about the September 6 City Council hearing.

A resident of Bay Street apartments complained about night noise from the UP railroad yard.

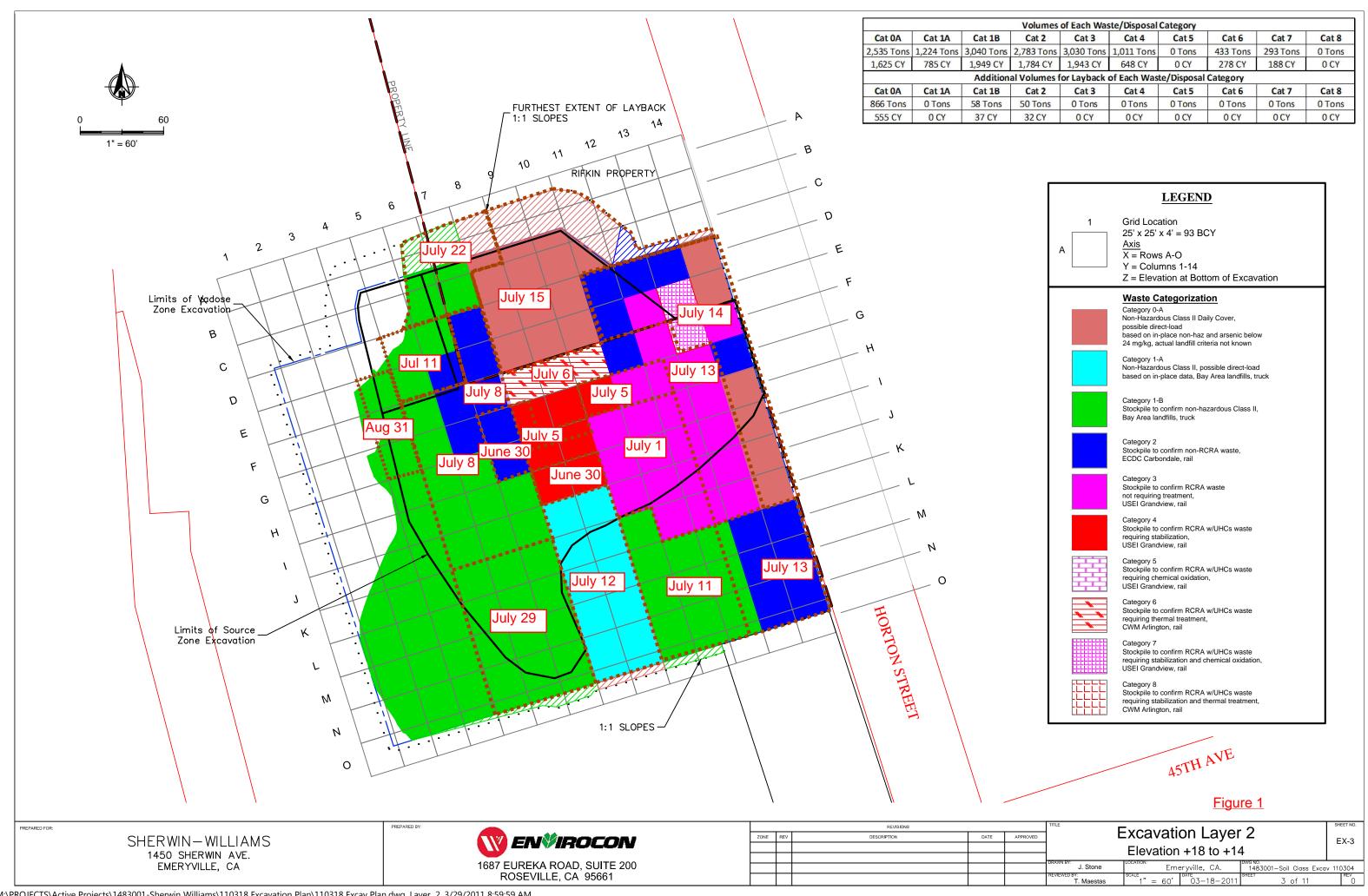
Tracy Schroth had a series of telephone and e-mail inquiries, seeking information for her blog article on the site. Information was provided as requested, and responses were posted to her blog, as well, to provide additional clarification.

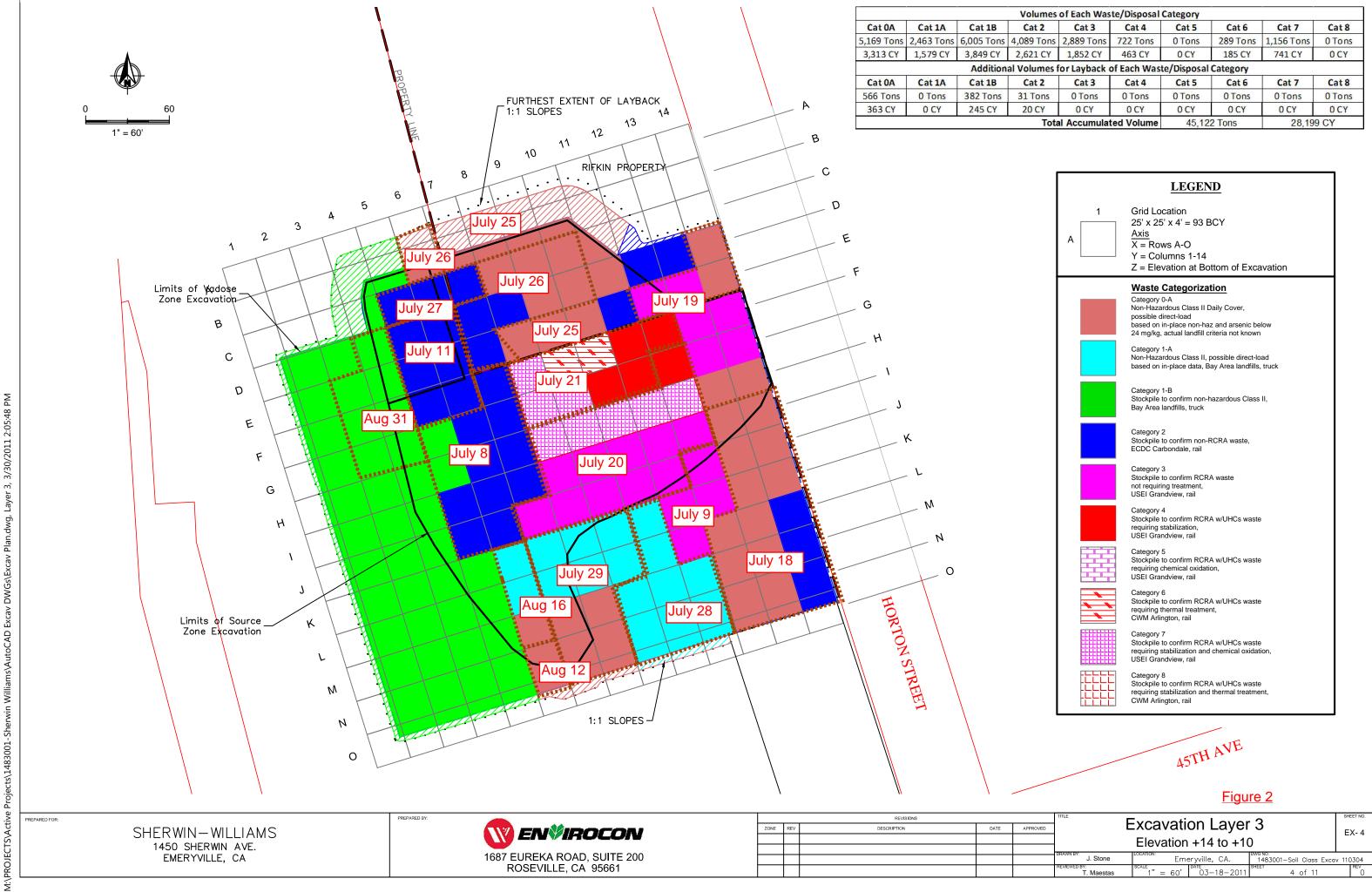
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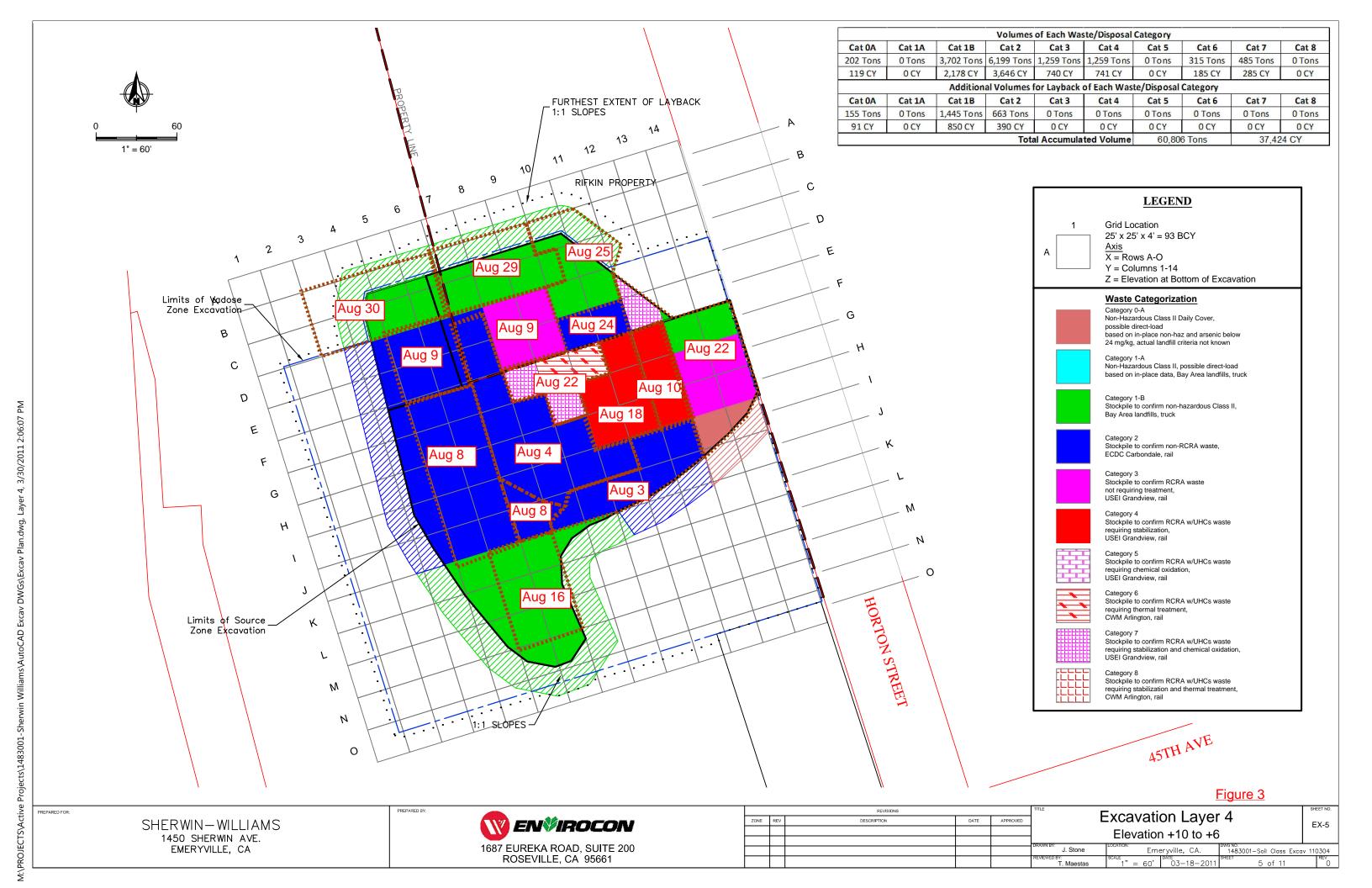
Nathan Schumacher, DTSC: 866-495-5651 (Mon-Friday, work hours)

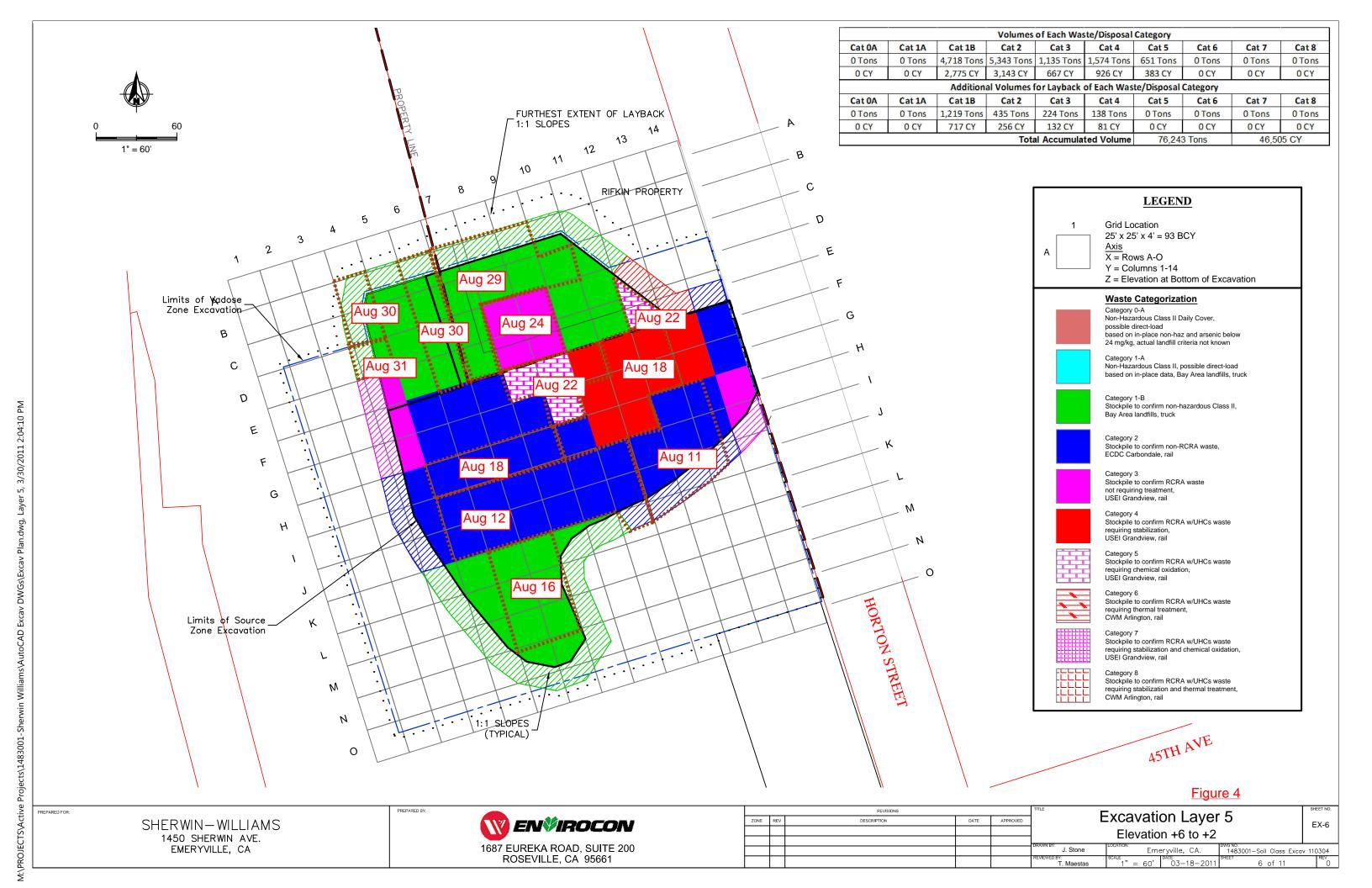
To register a concern/complaint about the project activities, contact:

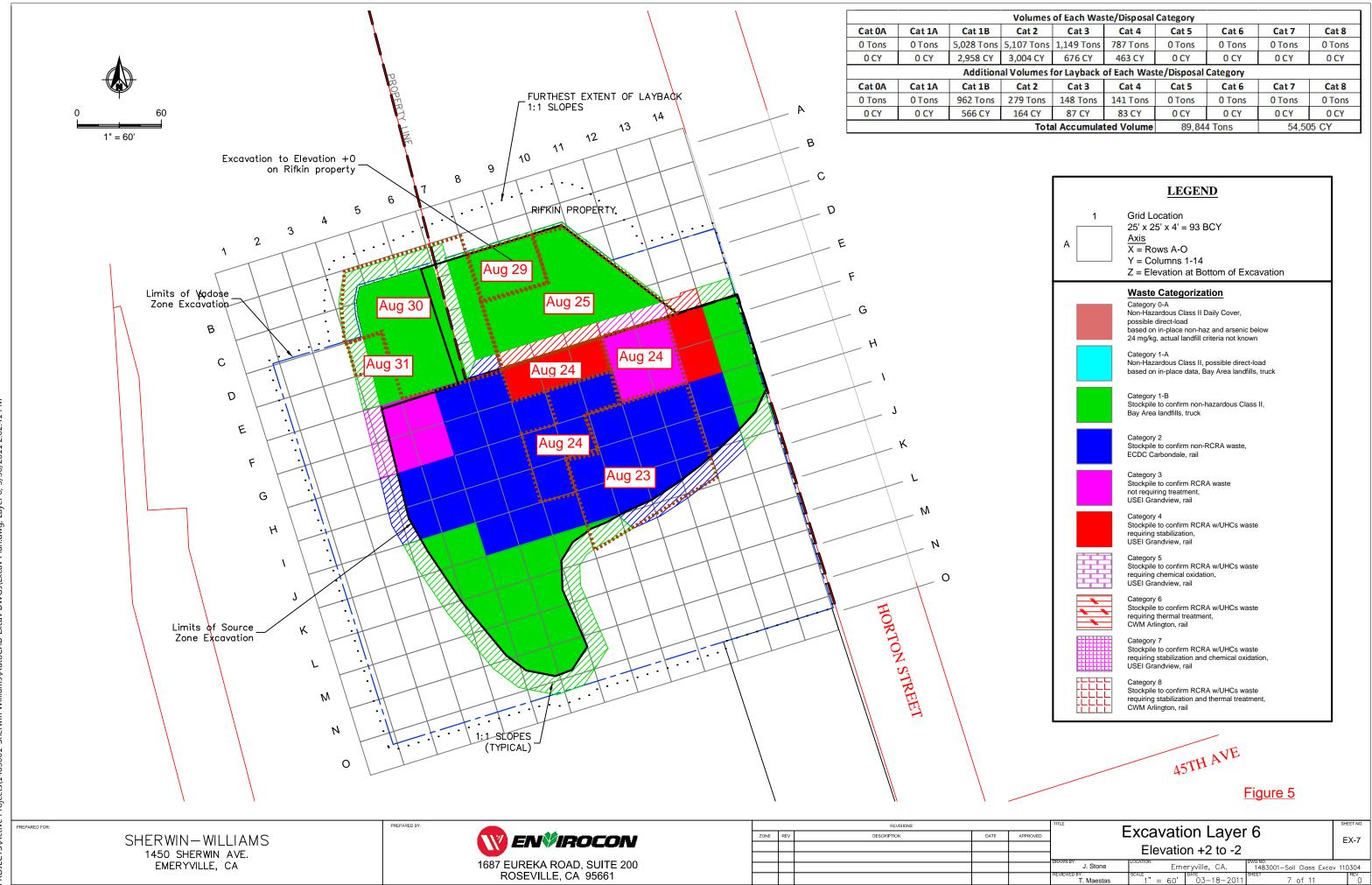
Project Complaint Hotline: 866-848-5307 (24 hrs/day)











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